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FOR AMBASSADORS SPIERS AND MCCLOSKEY FROM THE SECRETARY

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THE GREEKS REPRESENT THE LATTER CONDITION AS A CONCESSION  
IN THAT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THE NECESSITY OF CHANGE WITH  
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KARAMANLIS THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE COULD TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS.

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3. FOR AMBASSADOR SPIERS: I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS FROM ME TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IN THE COURSE OF YOUR CALL ON HIM NEXT WEEK (SEPTTEL):

A. I HAVE LEARNED THAT GENERAL HAIG HAS COMPLETED HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GENERAL DAVOS ON THE REINTEGRATION OF GREEK FORCES IN THE NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE.

B. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE FROM YOUR MILITARY AUTHORITIES, THE PLAN ENTAILS SEPARATE NATO LAND, SEA AND AIR COMMANDS FOR GREEK FORCES TO PARALLEL THOSE OF THE  
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TURKISH FORCES. THE PLAN WOULD MAINTAIN ON AN INTERIM BASIS THE GREEK AND TURKISH AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY EXISTING IN 1974.

C. I AM INFORMED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY FROM A NATO MILITARY POINT OF VIEW.

D. IN AGREEING THAT THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE RESTORED ONLY ON AN INTERIM BASIS, I BELIEVE THE GREEKS HAVE MADE A VALUABLE CONCESSION ON THE AEGEAN POLITICAL DISPUTES.

E. OBVIOUSLY, THE DISPUTE IN THE AEGEAN CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN NATO.

F. THE REINTEGRATION OF GREEK FORCES INTO NATO IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, TURKEY AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. WE FIRMLY SUPPORT GREEK REENTRY.

G. EARLY NATO APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN TO REINTEGRATE THE GREEK FORCES -- WHICH WE WILL SUPPORT --COULD IN MY

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